

Sunday 19th

The Sunday next before Lent

- 10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
- 11.00 Messy Church [S]
- 10.00 Family Service [LB]
- 18.30 Evening Eucharist and prayers for healing [LB]

Monday 20th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Tuesday 21st

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 22nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 10.00 Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes [LB]
- 19.30 Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes [S]

Thursday 23rd

- 10.00 House Communion
Mill Mead, Mill Lane

Sunday 26th

1st Sunday of Lent

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
- 10.00 United Parish Eucharist [LB]
- 18.30 Evensong [LB]



Little Baddow and Sandon Churches

Lent Study Groups

'The Creed'

Every Wednesday and Friday during Lent this year the Churches in Little Baddow and Sandon are sharing in their study of 'The Creed', asking, what do we believe?

Commencing:

Wednesday 29 February 7.30pm

**at St Andrew's Sandon
and Friday 2 March 10am
at St Andrew's Rooms, North
Hill, Little Baddow**

- Study 1 We believe in one God
- Study 2 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven
- Study 3 On the third day he rose again
- Study 4 We believe in the Holy Spirit
- Study 5 We believe in one Church



St Andrew's Church, Sandon
Sunday 19th February at 11am
St Andrew's Rooms, Little Baddow
Sunday 4th March at 4pm



PINTS OF VIEW

Men's pub night

Monday 26th March 2012

from 8pm in the bar at

The Crown, Sandon

for further details contact:
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visit the website to find out more

www.helpinghandsessex.org.uk



**ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
LITTLE BADDOW**

www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk

ST. ANDREW, SANDON

www.sandon-church.info
**part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry**

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19th February 2012

**A warm welcome is extended
to all visitors.**

Coffee, tea and squash are normally served after the 10am Service [in Church at St Mary's Church and in The St Andrew's Room at St Andrew's Church].

Please stay and meet people

All communicant members of Christian Churches are invited to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, keeping their heads bowed at the Altar rail.

Those communicants requiring **gluten-free wafers** are asked to identify themselves to a Sides person.

For 5 minutes before the Service begins PLEASE allow others to keep a time of prayerful quiet in preparation to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elisha accompanies Elijah to Bethel, aware of his imminent departure. Elisha's capacity to see the fiery chariot in which Elijah leaves this world confirms his inheritance of Elijah's prophetic ministry.

The time came for the LORD to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha set out from Gilgal, 2 and on the way Elijah said to Elisha, "Now stay here; the LORD has ordered me to go to Bethel."

But Elisha answered, "I swear by my loyalty to the living LORD and to you that I will not leave you." So they went on to Bethel.

3 A group of prophets who lived there went to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha answered. "But let's not talk about it."

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"Yes, I know," Elisha answered. "But let's not talk about it."

6 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Now stay here; the LORD has ordered me to go to the River Jordan."

But Elisha answered, "I swear by my loyalty to the living LORD and to you that I will not leave you." So they went on, 7 and 50 of the prophets followed them to the Jordan. Elijah and Elisha stopped by the river, and the 50 prophets stood a short distance away. 8 Then Elijah took off his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it; the water divided, and he and Elisha crossed to the other side on dry ground. 9 There, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what you want me to do for you before I am taken away." ↗

"Let me receive the share of your power that will make me your successor,"*

Elisha answered.

10 "That is a difficult request to grant," Elijah replied. "But you will receive it if you see me as I am being taken away from you; if you don't see me, you won't receive it."

11 They kept talking as they walked on; then suddenly a chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire came between them, and Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw it and cried out to Elijah, "My father, my father! Mighty defender of Israel! You are gone!" And he never saw Elijah again. ↗

In grief, Elisha tore his cloak in two.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3b-6

Paul celebrates with the Corinthians that in Christ, God's glory is made visible to those who are open to receiving his light and his lordship.

'if the gospel we preach is hidden, it is hidden only from those who are being lost. 4 They do not believe, because their minds have been kept in the dark by the evil god of this world. He keeps them from seeing the light shining on them, the light that comes from the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of

God. 5 For it is not ourselves that we preach; we preach Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 The God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ'

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

On a mountain height, Peter, James and John witness Jesus' transfiguration into radiant glory, with Moses and Elijah alongside. A voice from an enveloping cloud confirms Jesus as God's Son.

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus,

3 and his clothes became shining white — whiter than anyone in the world could wash them. 4 Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. 5 Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Teacher, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say.

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, "This

is my own dear Son — listen to him!"

8 They took a quick look round but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them.

9 As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death."



GOSPEL-CHOIR

MONDAY 20th February

8pm

St Andrew's Church
Sandon

2012 Annual Parochial Church Meetings

at St Mary's, Little Baddow
on Sunday 25th March

at St Andrew's, Sandon
Palm Sunday 1st April

*The meetings will be held in the
respective churches following the
morning service*

***PLEASE PRAY for God's guidance
in the election of Church
Wardens, PCC Secretaries, PCC
Treasurers, PCC members and
Deanery Synod Representatives.***